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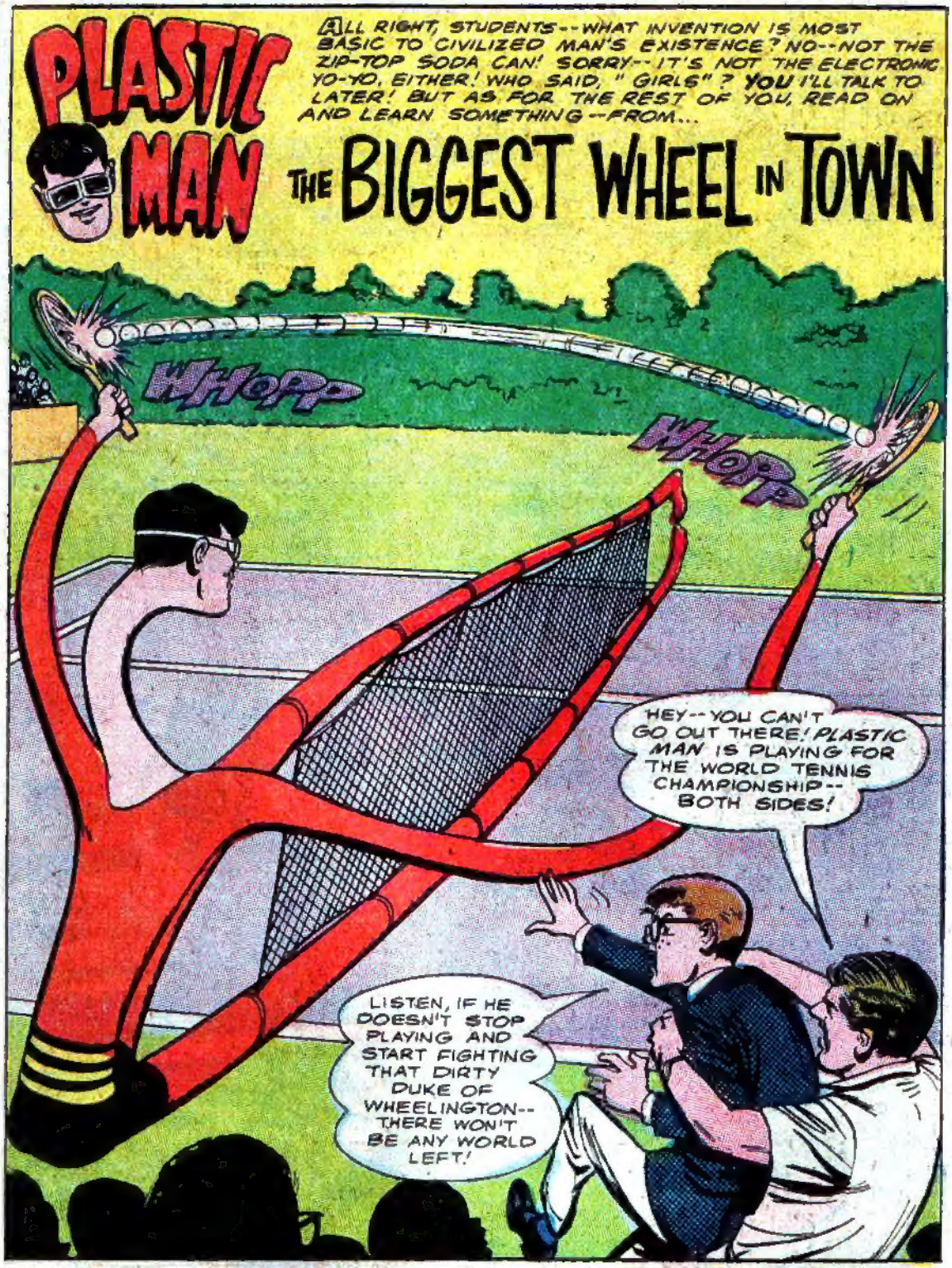
PLASTIC MAN
ALL RIGHT, STUDENTS--WHAT INVENTION IS MOST BASIC TO CIVILIZED MAN'S EXISTENCE? NO--NOT THE ZIP-TOP SODA CAN! SORRY--IT'S NOT THE ELECTRONIC YO-YO, EITHER! WHO SAID, "GIRLS"? YOU I'LL TALK TO LATER! BUT AS FOR THE REST OF YOU, READ ON AND LEARN SOMETHING--FROM...
THE BIGGEST WHEEL IN TOWN
WHOPP
WHOPP
HEY--YOU CAN'T GO OUT THERE! PLASTIC MAN IS PLAYING FOR THE WORLD TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP--BOTH SIDES!
LISTEN, IF HE DOESN'T STOP PLAYING AND START FIGHTING THAT DIRTY DUKE OF WHEELINGTON--THERE WON'T BE ANY WORLD LEFT!

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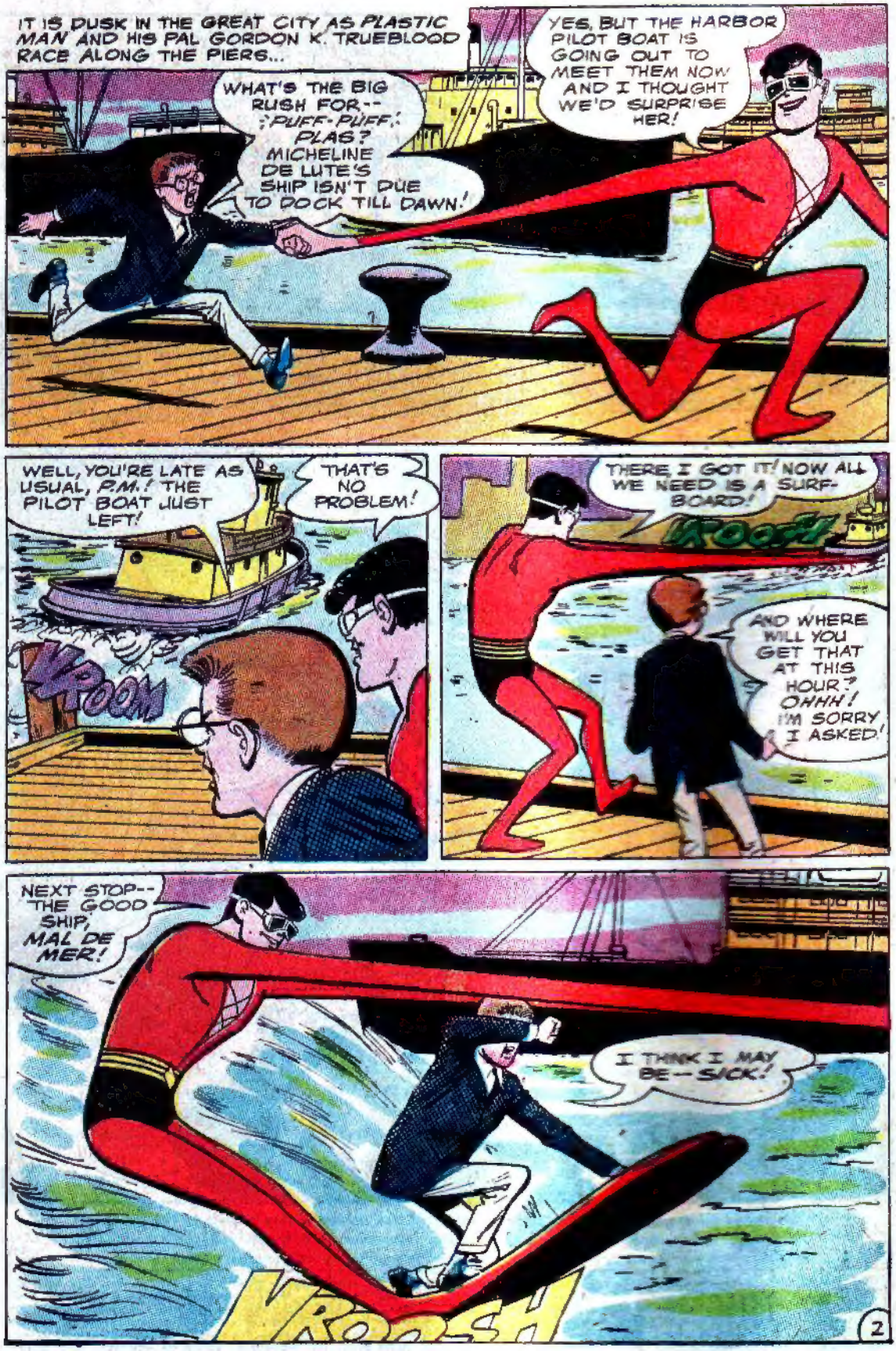
IT IS DUSK IN THE GREAT CITY AS PLASTIC MAN AND HIS PAL GORDON K. TRUEBLOOD RACE ALONG THE PIERS...
WHAT'S THE BIG RUSH FOR-- ;PUFF-PUFF;: PLAS? MICHELINE DE LUTE'S SHIP ISN'T DUE TO DOCK TILL DAWN!
YES, BUT THE HARBOR PILOT BOAT IS GOING OUT TO MEET THEM NOW AND I THOUGHT WE'D SURPRISE HER!
WELL, YOU'RE LATE AS USUAL, P.M.! THE PILOT BOAT JUST LEFT!
THAT'S NO PROBLEM!
VROOM
THERE, I GOT IT! NOW ALL WE NEED IS A SURF-BOARD!
VROOSH
AND WHERE WILL YOU GET THAT AT THIS HOUR? OHHH! I'M SORRY I ASKED!
NEXT STOP-- THE GOOD SHIP, MAL DE MER!
I THINK I MAY BE-- SICK!
VROOSH
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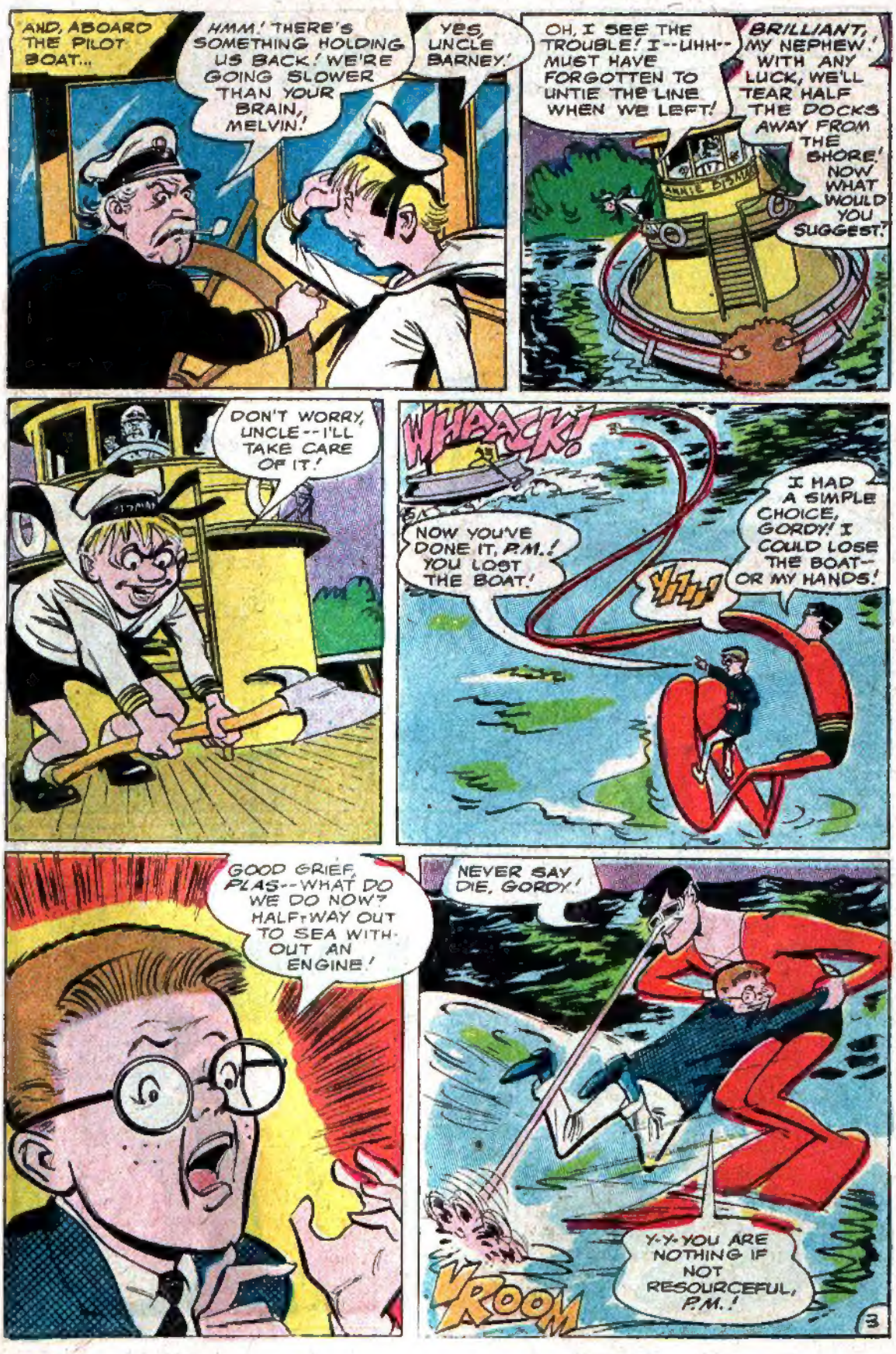
AND, ABOARD THE PILOT BOAT...
HMM! THERE'S SOMETHING HOLDING US BACK! WE'RE GOING SLOWER THAN YOUR BRAIN, MELVIN!
YES, UNCLE BARNEY!
OH, I SEE THE TROUBLE! I--UHH--MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN TO UNTIE THE LINE WHEN WE LEFT!
BRILLIANT, MY NEPHEW! WITH ANY LUCK, WE'LL TEAR HALF THE DOCKS AWAY FROM THE SHORE! NOW WHAT WOULD YOU SUGGEST?
DON'T WORRY, UNCLE--I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!
WHEACK!
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT, P.M.! YOU LOST THE BOAT!
I HAD A SIMPLE CHOICE, GORDY! I COULD LOSE THE BOAT--OR MY HANDS!
GOOD GRIEF, PLAS--WHAT DO WE DO NOW? HALFWAY OUT TO SEA WITHOUT AN ENGINE!
NEVER SAY DIE, GORDY!
VROOM
Y-Y-YOU ARE NOTHING IF NOT RESOURCEFUL, P.M.!
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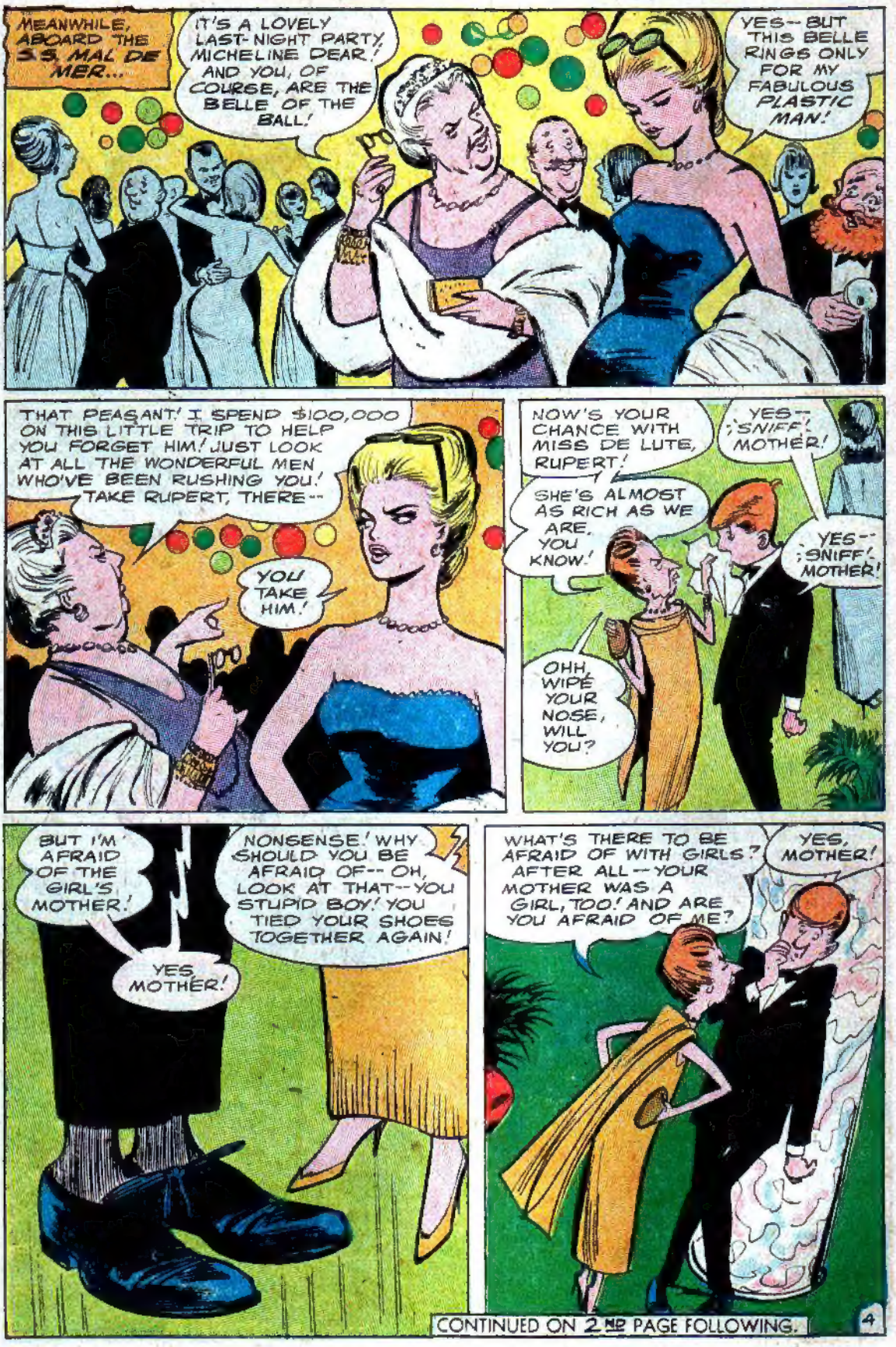
MEANWHILE, ABOARD THE S.S. MAL DE MER...
IT'S A LOVELY LAST-NIGHT PARTY, MICHELINE DEAR! AND YOU, OF COURSE, ARE THE BELLE OF THE BALL!
YES--BUT THIS BELLE RINGS ONLY FOR MY FABULOUS PLASTIC MAN!
THAT PEASANT! I SPEND $100,000 ON THIS LITTLE TRIP TO HELP YOU FORGET HIM! JUST LOOK AT ALL THE WONDERFUL MEN WHO'VE BEEN RUSHING YOU! TAKE RUPERT, THERE--
YOU TAKE HIM!
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE WITH MISS DE LUTE, RUPERT!
SHE'S ALMOST AS RICH AS WE ARE, YOU KNOW!
OHH, WIPE YOUR NOSE, WILL YOU?
YES--; SNIFF! MOTHER!
YES--; SNIFF! MOTHER!
BUT I'M AFRAID OF THE GIRL'S MOTHER!
YES, MOTHER!
NONSENSE! WHY SHOULD YOU BE AFRAID OF--OH, LOOK AT THAT--YOU STUPID BOY! YOU TIED YOUR SHOES TOGETHER AGAIN!
WHAT'S THERE TO BE AFRAID OF WITH GIRLS? AFTER ALL--YOUR MOTHER WAS A GIRL, TOO! AND ARE YOU AFRAID OF ME?
YES, MOTHER!

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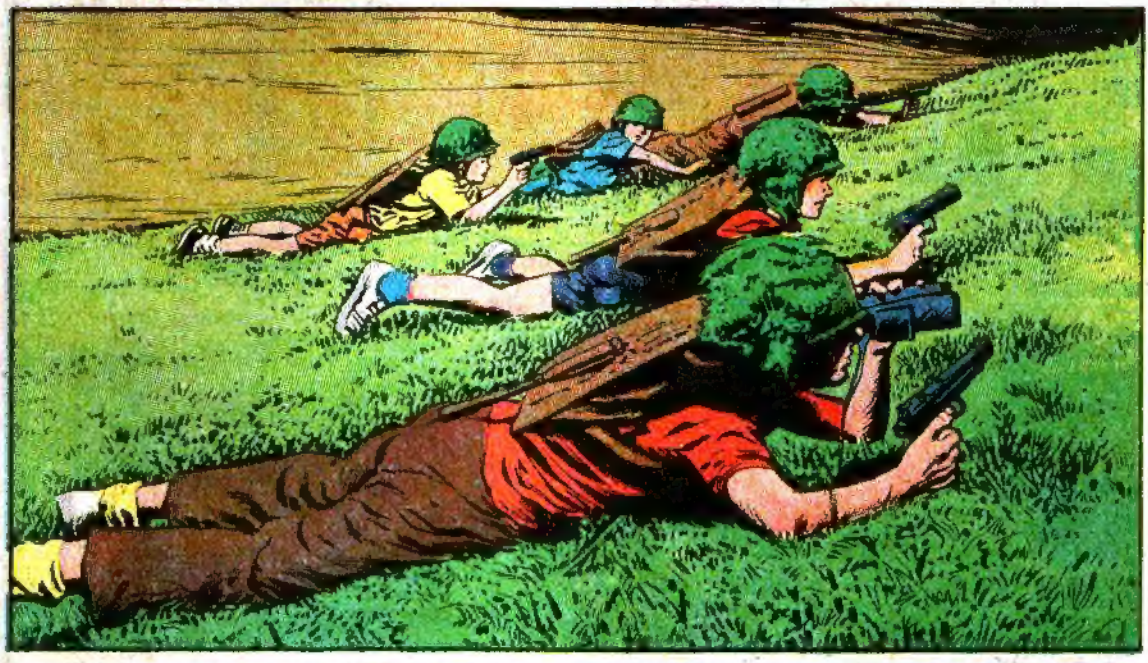

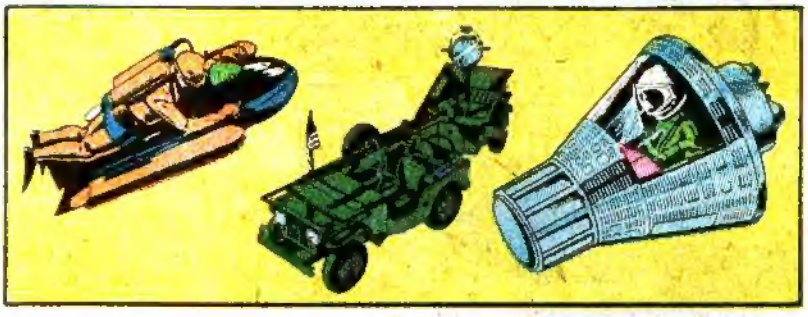

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AND GENERAL BUM-ABOUT-TOWN!
WAITER SEND ANOTHER BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE TO MISS DE LUTE'S CABIN!
NOT ON YOUR LIFE, MR. SLUICE! YOU ALREADY OWE ME FOR THREE CHAMPAGNES, FOUR ORCHIDS AND FIVE SHOE SHINES!
NOT SO LOUD! YOU'LL GET PAID! WHEN I MARRY MISS DE LUTE, I'LL BE UP TO MY EARS IN MONEY!
I DON'T WANT YOUR EARS--JUST CASH! OR PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO PAWN SOMETHING ELSE!
BUT YOU'VE ALREADY GOT MY PLATINUM WATCH, MY DIAMOND TIE-PIN AND MY SILVER CUFF-LINKS! I'VE NOTHING LEFT--EXCEPT MY GOLD BELT-BUCKLE!
THAT SOUNDS REASONABLE!
ALL RIGHT--BUT HURRY! I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I CAN HOLD MY PANTS UP!
WELL, PERHAPS HAVERFORD SLUICE ISN'T THE RIGHT ONE, EITHER! BUT YOU MUST ADMIT THAT THAT DUKE OF WHEELINGTON IS SOMETHING ELSE!
SOMETHING ELSE IS RIGHT! ONLY I'M NOT SURE WHAT!
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YOU'RE CERTAIN DAT DIS CHAMPAGNE IS CHATEAU D'ANCER--1947?
AND IT WAS CHILLED TO PRECISELY 51°?
COMPLETELY CERTAIN!
PRECISELY!
DEN DA DUKE OF WHEELINGTON'S GONNA TASTE IT!
PFFWOOCH!
YOU IDIOT! YOU OPENED DA WINE WITH A WARM CORKSCREW!
BON
DIABLO! STOP! NO VIOLENCE!
YOU KNOW I CAN'T STAND TO WATCH ANOTHER HUMAN BEING SUFFER!
THAT'S WHY I'M FORCED TO CLOSE MY EYES AT MOMENTS LIKE THESE!
EEK
WWW
YEAH--I FORGOT ABOUT HOW SENSITIVE YOU ARE, YOUR DUKENESS!
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MISS DE LUTE, SINCE I'VE NOTHING BETTER TO DO AT THE MOMENT, I THOUGHT I MIGHT HAVE THIS DANCE WITH YOU!
CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING I'D RATHER DO-- EXCEPT MAYBE DIE!
HOLD IT, MIKE!
PLAS! OOOOO! YOU GORGEOUS HUNK OF GOO! AM I GLAD TO SEE YOU!
JUST IN TIME FOR THIS DANCE, TOO!
WHO IS THIS THING?
LOOK, YOUNG MAN--IF THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE--THIS DANCE IS BY INVITATION ONLY! THAT GENTLEMAN THERE WILL COLLECT YOURS, IF YOU HAVE ONE!
UHHH--INVITATION? OH, YES!
YOU MEAN ONE OF THOSE ENGRAVED CARDS THAT SAYS: "YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE CAPTAIN'S DANCE" AND SO FORTH?
SCRATCH
HERE YOU ARE, MY GOOD MAN! MY INVITATION!
QUITE RIGHT, SIR!
WHY, DAT RUBBER-JOINTED CREEP! WANT I SHOULD TAKE CARE OF HIM, DUKE?
NOT FOR THE MOMENT, DIABLO! WE HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO ATTEND TO--UP ON THE BRIDGE!

ALL RIGHT, MR. SCURVY, I'LL TAKE THE WHEEL NOW!
NO YOU WON'T, CAPTAIN! IN POINT OF FACT-- I WILL TAKE THE WHEEL!
YOU, SIR? WHO ARE YOU?
THAT'S NOT SIGNIFICANT AT THE MOMENT! WHAT IS, IS-- I OWN THAT WHEEL!
THIS STEERING WHEEL, SIR?
QUICK MR SCURVY! THE SHIP'S DOCTOR! I BELIEVE WE HAVE A MENTAL CASE HERE!
NO--NOT THAT PARTICULAR WHEEL -- BUT ALL WHEELS! YOU SEE, SIR--I AM THE LEGITI-MATE RECIPIENT OF THE INTER-NATIONAL PATENT FOR-- THE WHEEL!
WHAAAT?
NOW HOW'S THAT FOR A STORY PREMISE? AND WAIT TILL YOU SEE WHAT LIES AHEAD! YOU MIGHT SAY THIS YARN HAS--WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS! HEHH!
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GREETINGS FROM MERRYMAN! JUST TAKE A LOOK AT MY PHYSIQUE...AND SEE WHAT YOU DON'T WANT TO GROW UP TO LOOK LIKE! AND SAY...WHILE YOU'RE GETTING THAT EXERCISE, RUN OVER TO YOUR NEWSSTAND FOR The INFERIOR FIVE! WE HAVE OUR OWN MAGAZINE NOW!
PUFF PUFF
32 oz.
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WOULD YOU BELIEVE-- The CAMPFIRE GIRLS?
The INFERIOR five
FOLLOW THAT CAR!
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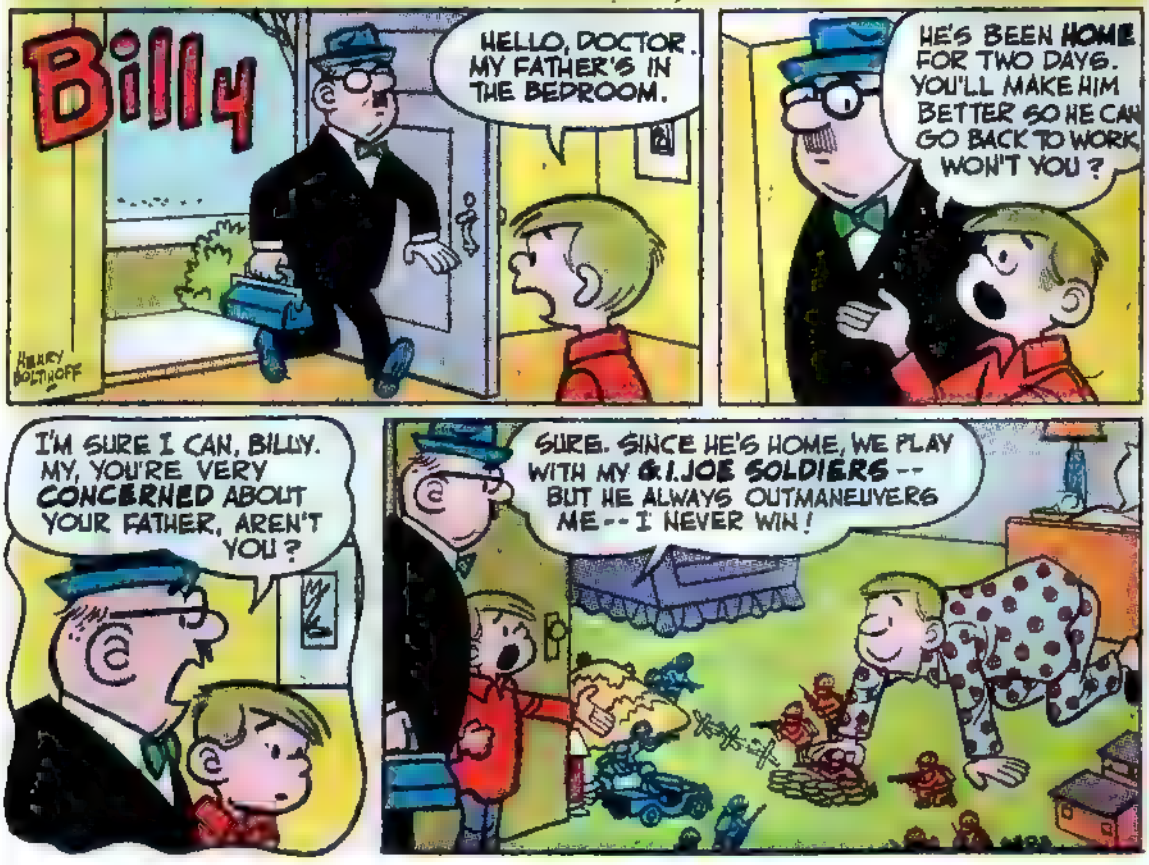
Billy
HELLO, DOCTOR. MY FATHER'S IN THE BEDROOM.
HENRY BOLTINOFF
HE'S BEEN HOME FOR TWO DAYS. YOU'LL MAKE HIM BETTER SO HE CAN GO BACK TO WORK, WON'T YOU?
I'M SURE I CAN, BILLY. MY, YOU'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR FATHER, AREN'T YOU?
SURE. SINCE HE'S HOME, WE PLAY WITH MY G.I. JOE SOLDIERS -- BUT HE ALWAYS OUTMANEUVERS ME -- I NEVER WIN!

CLARK KENT interviews SUPERGIRL!

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THREE DAYS SITTING OUT HERE? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! ANYWAY, I'LL HAVE TO TELL THE PASSENGERS SOMETHING!
FINE! ONLY PLEASE DON'T USE THE ELEVATOR TO GO UPSTAIRS! WHEELS, YOU KNOW, OLD MAN! IT'S OPERATED BY HUNDREDS OF WHEELS!
ARRGH!
FOUR MINUTES AND TWO STAIRCASES LATER...
AWFUL!
--AND THAT'S WHERE WE STAND! WE CAN'T LAND WITHOUT STEERING! AND WE CAN'T STEER WITHOUT A WHEEL!
DREADFUL!
IT'S BLACKMAIL!
CORRECTION, SIR! YOU CAN LAND WITHOUT A STEERING WHEEL!
OF COURSE HE CAN--I MEAN, HE CAN? HOW, PLAS?
YES!
HOW?
HOW?
THIRTY DEGREES, RIGHT!
SWOOSH
THE ANSWER IS SWIFT IN COMING...
OKAY, READY WHEN YOU ARE, CAPTAIN!
WELL--SIGH!--WE MIGHT AS WELL TRY IT! THIRTY DEGREES, RIGHT!
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WELL DONE, PLASTIC MAN! AN EXPERT PIECE OF NAVIGATION! BUT THE DELAY HAS COST US THREE HOURS-- AND A FORTUNE IN FORFEITED FREIGHT CONTRACTS!
YOU MEAN, IT'S SPEED YOU WANT? WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO, SKIPPER?
ZIPP
WOOSH
THREE CHEERS FOR THE HUMAN SAIL!
SHORTLY, AS THE SHIP DOCKS...
AHH! THE GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS! YOU HEARD ABOUT THE FABULOUS FEATS PLASTIC MAN JUST PERFORMED AND YOU WANT AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FLEXIBLE FURY, EH?
PLASTIC MAN, MY FOOT! WE WANT AN INTERVIEW WITH THE GUY WHO OWNS ALL THE WHEELS!
K-POW
YES, IT'S ALL TRUE, GENTLEMEN! MY GRANDFATHER--88,000 GENERATIONS REMOVED-- WAS A CAVEMAN GENIUS! URGLLY-THE-UGLY! AND GRANDPA URGLLY INVENTED THE WHEEL IN 22,189 B.C.!
AND YOU CLAIM ALL WHEELS? AUTO WHEELS, WAGON WHEELS, FERRIS WHEELS AND ROULETTE WHEELS?
EXACTLY! YOU MIGHT SAY THAT I AM--THE BIG WHEEL!
PRESS
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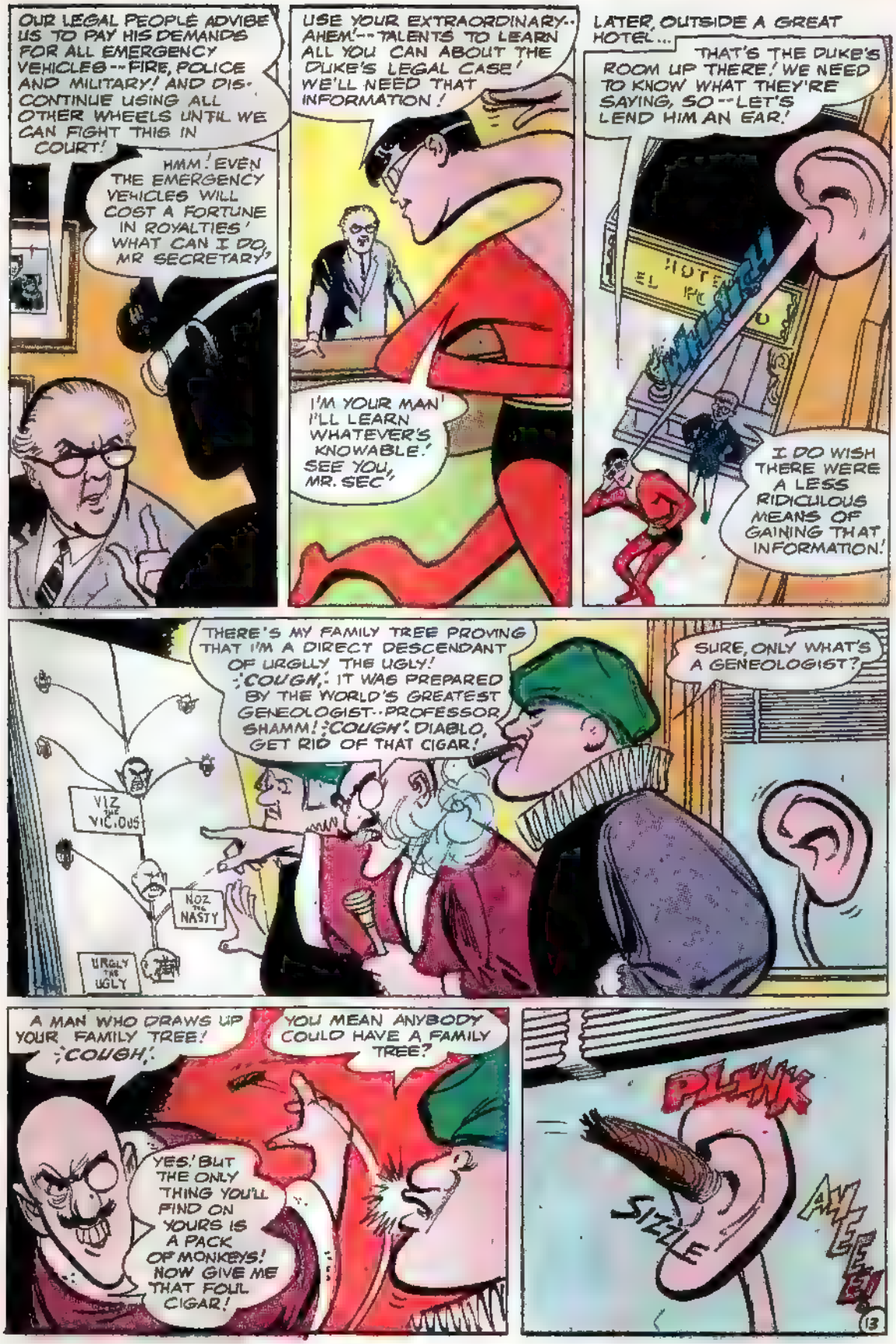
HOLD IT! HOW CAN YOU HAVE PROOF OF A THING THAT HAPPENED IN 22,189 B.C.? THEY COULDN'T KEEP RECORDS THEN -- 'CAUSE THEY HAD NO WRITTEN LANGUAGE!
WRONG! GRANDPA URGLLY ALSO INVENTED WRITING!
AND IF YOU DON'T SHUT UP, WISE GUY, WE'LL APPLY FOR THE PATENT ON WRITIN', TOO -- AND YOU MONKEYS'LL ALL HAVE TO GO BACK TO USIN' SIGN LANGUAGE!
HAIL URGLLY!
A PATENT ON THE WHEEL! HOLY ROLLERS, PLAS! THIS IS DREADFUL!
I DON'T THINK THE GOVERNMENT LAWYERS WILL HAVE TROUBLE STOPPING HIM, MIKE!
MOVE YOUR BAGS, MA'AM!
HOLD IT, YOU CROOK! YOU AIN'T GOT NO LICENSE TO USE THAT VEHICLE! WE LICENSE EVERYTHING ON WHEELS! THAT'LL COST YOU TEN BUCKS -- FIVE BUCKS PER WHEEL!
ULP!
THIS IS A CRISIS, PLAS! TWO THOUSAND PASSENGERS -- MAYBE TEN THOUSAND PIECES OF LUGGAGE -- AND NONE OF IT CAN BE UNLOADED WITHOUT PAYING BLACKMAIL!
IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN YOU THINK, GORDY! THERE ARE 500 POUNDS OF BELUGA CAVIAR IN THE SHIP'S HOLD! AND I'M CRAZY ABOUT THOSE FISH EGGS! I'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

AND HE SURE DOES SOMETHING...
ZAP
SHOOP
FWAP
BOY, THIS PLASTIC MAN IS THE 'UGH!' LIVIN' END!
YEAH, BUT I STILL SAY WE SHOULD'A MADE HIM SHOW A UNION CARD! OOOF!
THREE HOURS LATER, IN WASHINGTON...
PLASTIC MAN IS 30 MINUTES LATE FOR THIS EMERGENCY MEETING, MR. SECRETARY!
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO ACT WITHOUT HIM! THE PRESIDENT ASKED FOR AN IMMEDIATE PLAN ON HANDLING THIS WHEEL PROBLEM! I'LL CALL HIM ON THE HOT LINE!
HOLD IT, DIRVISH! I-AM YOUR LITTLE OLD HOT LINE!
HUH?
IT'S A GRIM PROBLEM PLASTIC MAN! THE DUKE OF WHEELINGTON IS DEMANDING TEN-CENTS-A-YEAR RENTAL FOR EVERY WHEEL!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND TOO UNREASONABLE, DIRVISH!
WE ESTIMATE THERE ARE 20,000 BILLION WHEELS IN THE WORLD! AT TEN CENTS A PIECE, HE WANTS-- TWO TRILLION DOLLARS!
HOLY INCOME TAX!


OUR LEGAL PEOPLE ADVISE US TO PAY HIS DEMANDS FOR ALL EMERGENCY VEHICLES -- FIRE, POLICE AND MILITARY! AND DISCONTINUE USING ALL OTHER WHEELS UNTIL WE CAN FIGHT THIS IN COURT!
HMM! EVEN THE EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL COST A FORTUNE IN ROYALTIES! WHAT CAN I DO, MR SECRETARY?
USE YOUR EXTRAORDINARY-- AHEM! -- TALENTS TO LEARN ALL YOU CAN ABOUT THE DUKE'S LEGAL CASE! WE'LL NEED THAT INFORMATION!
I'M YOUR MAN! I'LL LEARN WHATEVER'S KNOWABLE! SEE YOU, MR. SEC"
LATER, OUTSIDE A GREAT HOTEL...
THAT'S THE DUKE'S ROOM UP THERE! WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE SAYING, SO -- LET'S LEND HIM AN EAR!
I DO WISH THERE WERE A LESS RIDICULOUS MEANS OF GAINING THAT INFORMATION!
THERE'S MY FAMILY TREE PROVING THAT I'M A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF URGLLY THE UGLY! :COUGH,: IT WAS PREPARED BY THE WORLD'S GREATEST GENEOLOGIST -- PROFESSOR SHAMM! :COUGH': DIABLO, GET RID OF THAT CIGAR!
SURE, ONLY WHAT'S A GENEOLOGIST?
VIZ THE VICIOUS
NOZ THE NASTY
URGLY THE UGLY
A MAN WHO DRAWS UP YOUR FAMILY TREE! :COUGH,:
YOU MEAN ANYBODY COULD HAVE A FAMILY TREE?
YES! BUT THE ONLY THING YOU'LL FIND ON YOURS IS A PACK OF MONKEYS! NOW GIVE ME THAT FOUL CIGAR!
PLUNK
SIZZLE
AYYEEE!
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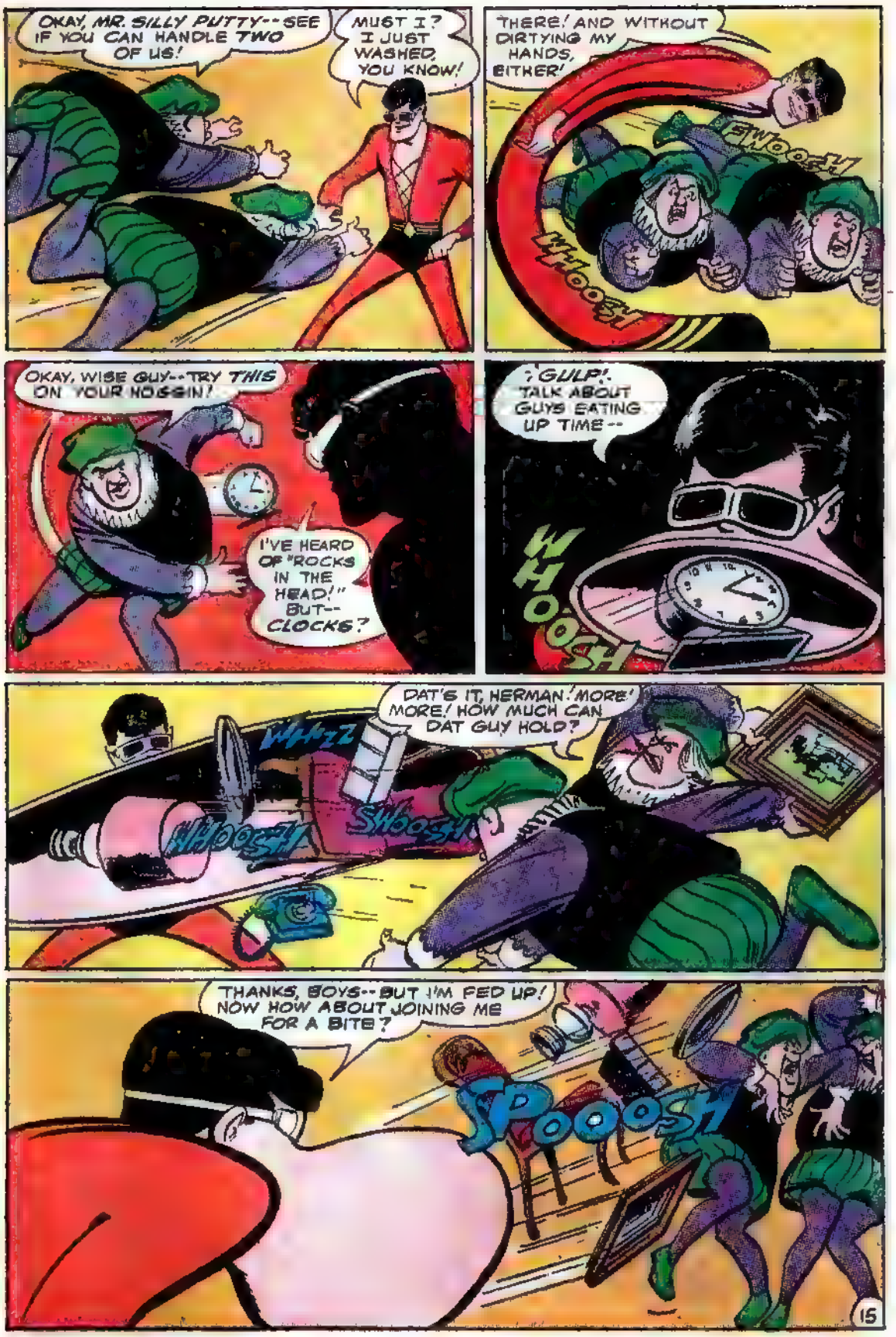
DAT EAR! IT'S DAT RUBBERIZED FINK! BUT I GOT HIM NOW! HAA! NOW LET'S SEE HOW HE LIKES DIS HERE BLAST!
YAHOO!
OWWW!
YEOWW! I BEEN BIT BY A EAR!
CRUNCH
I GOT HERE JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR LUNCH! NOW YOU CAN EAT SOME KNUCKLES!
POW!
SO, IT IS YOU, EH, PLASTIC MAN! WELL, NOW YOU SHALL DIE BY MY SWORD!
THIS COULD BE A BIT STICKY!
UGGH!
I GET YOUR POINT, DUKEY! BUT I THINK YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S STUCK!
OWWW!
BOING
YELONG!


OKAY, MR. SILLY PUTTY--SEE IF YOU CAN HANDLE TWO OF US!
MUST I? I JUST WASHED, YOU KNOW!
THERE! AND WITHOUT DIRTYING MY HANDS, EITHER!
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
OKAY, WISE GUY--TRY THIS ON YOUR NOGGIN!
I'VE HEARD OF "ROCKS IN THE HEAD!" BUT-- CLOCKS?
;GULP!. TALK ABOUT GUYS EATING UP TIME--
WHOOSH
DAT'S IT, HERMAN! MORE! MORE! HOW MUCH CAN DAT GUY HOLD?
WHIZZ
WHOOSH
SWOOSH
THANKS, BOYS--BUT I'M FED UP! NOW HOW ABOUT JOINING ME FOR A BITE?
POOOSH
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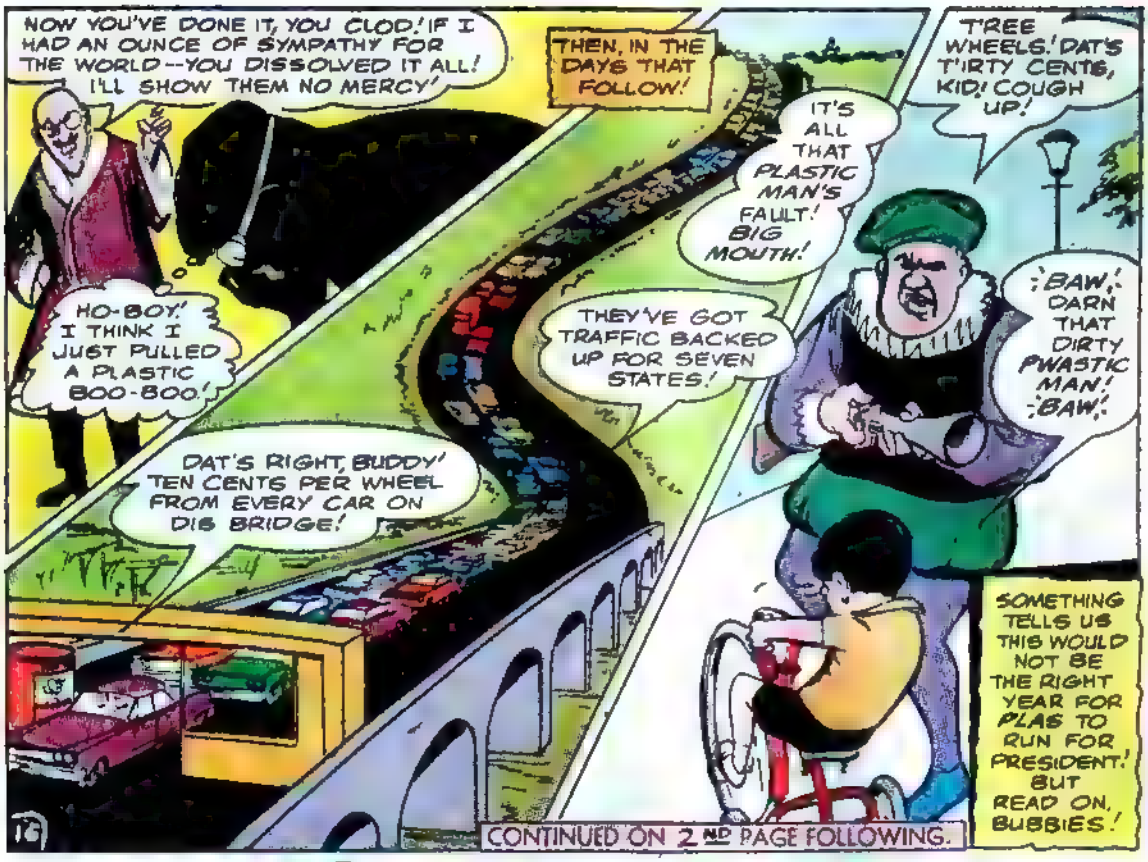
NOW YOU'VE DONE IT, YOU CLOD! IF I HAD AN OUNCE OF SYMPATHY FOR THE WORLD--YOU DISSOLVED IT ALL! I'LL SHOW THEM NO MERCY!
THEN, IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW!
HO-BOY! I THINK I JUST PULLED A PLASTIC BOO-BOO!
DAT'S RIGHT, BUDDY! TEN CENTS PER WHEEL FROM EVERY CAR ON DIS BRIDGE!
THEY'VE GOT TRAFFIC BACKED UP FOR SEVEN STATES!
IT'S ALL THAT PLASTIC MAN'S FAULT! BIG MOUTH!
T'REE WHEELS! DAT'S T'IRTY CENTS, KID! COUGH UP!
:BAW!: DARN THAT DIRTY PWASTIC MAN! :BAW!:
SOMETHING TELLS US THIS WOULD NOT BE THE RIGHT YEAR FOR PLAS TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT! BUT READ ON, BUBBIES!
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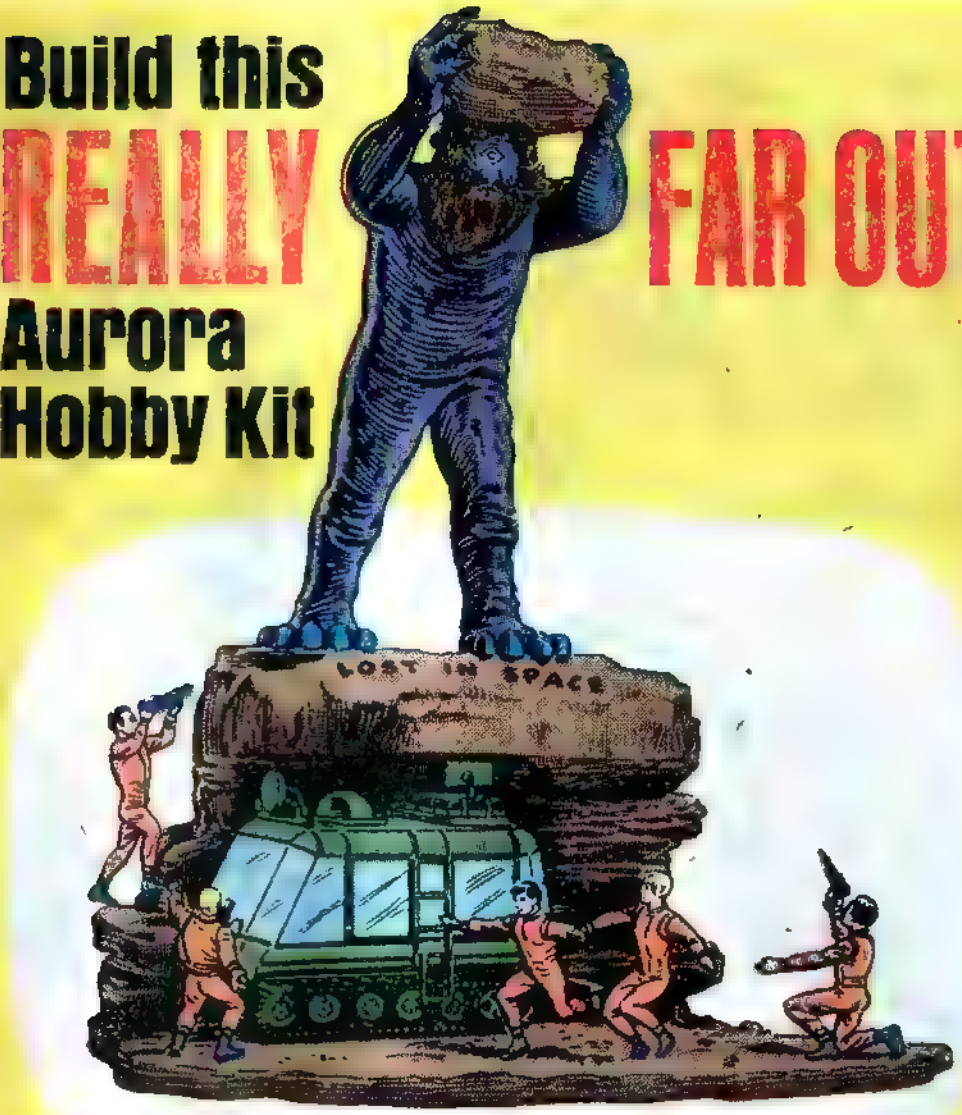

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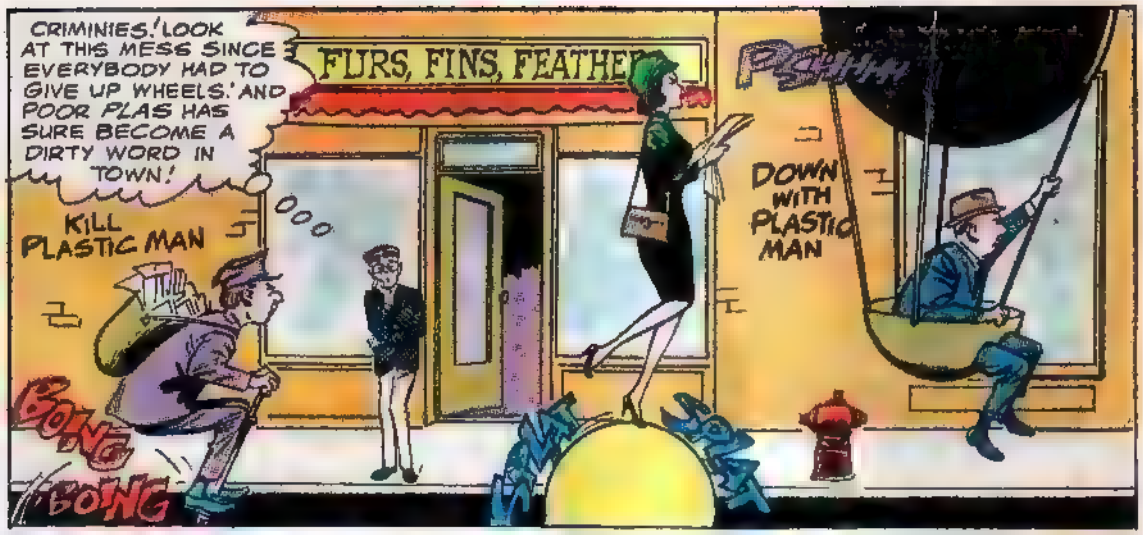
CRIMINIES! LOOK AT THIS MESS SINCE EVERYBODY HAD TO GIVE UP WHEELS! AND POOR PLAS HAS SURE BECOME A DIRTY WORD IN TOWN!
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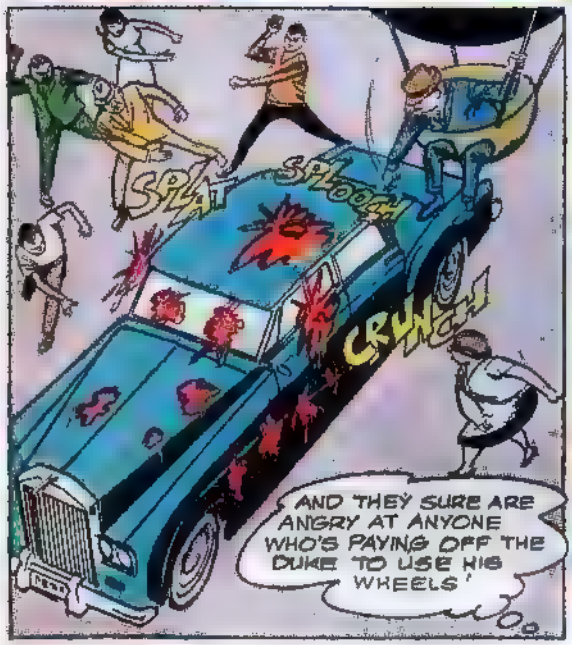
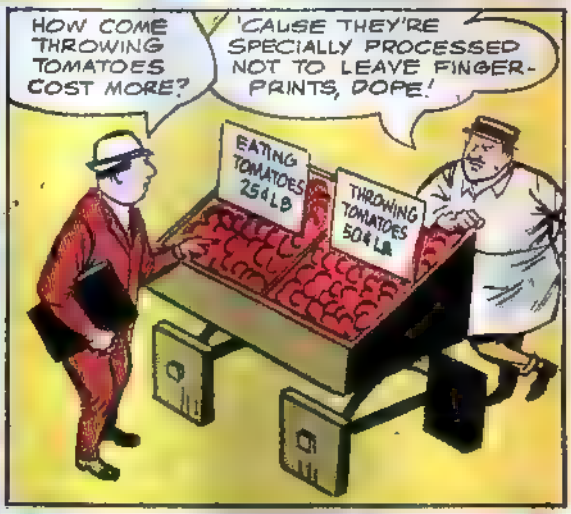
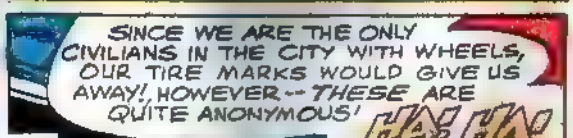
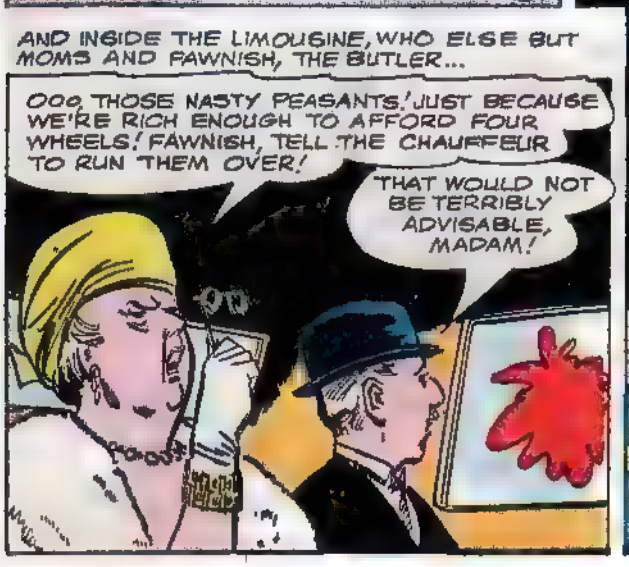
PSYHM
DOWN WITH PLASTIC MAN
KILL PLASTIC MAN
BOING
BOING
SPLAT
SPLAT

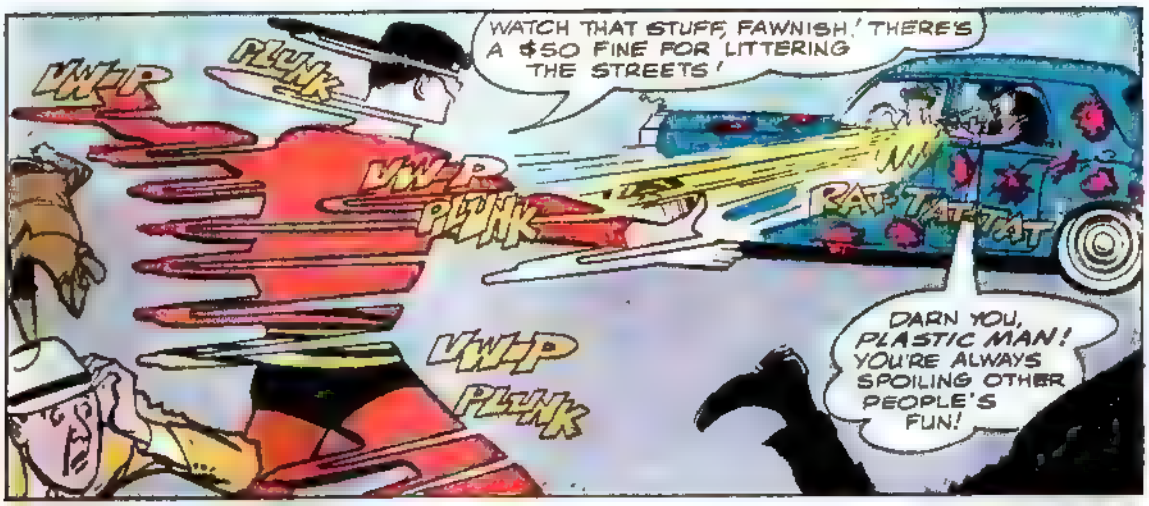

SPLAT
SPLOOSH
CRUNCH
AND THEY SURE ARE ANGRY AT ANYONE WHO'S PAYING OFF THE DUKE TO USE HIS WHEELS!

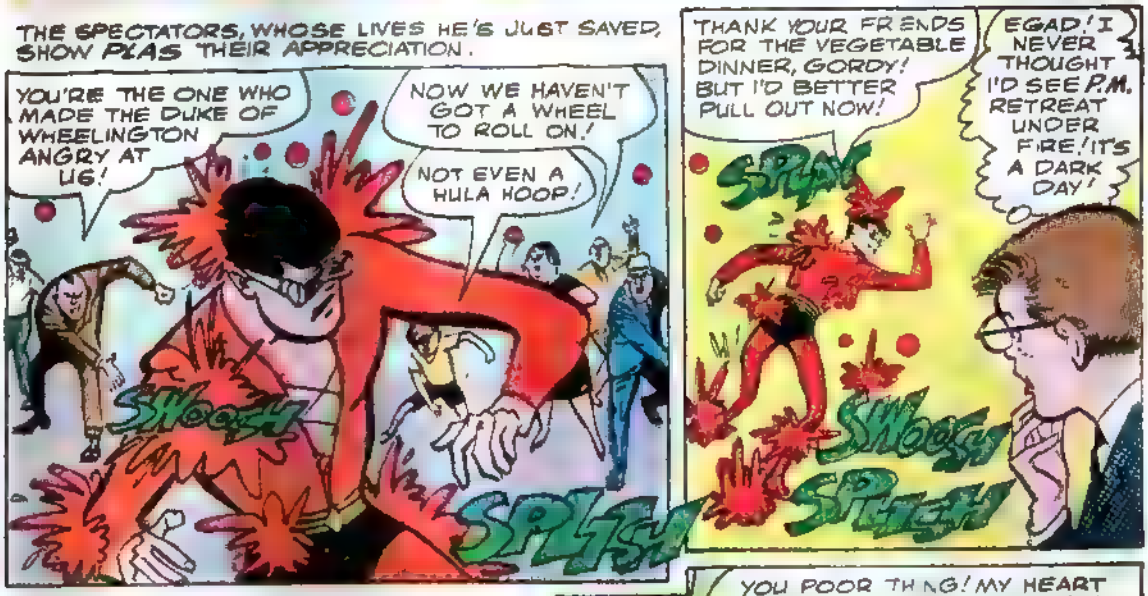

HOW COME THROWING TOMATOES COST MORE?
'CAUSE THEY'RE SPECIALLY PROCESSED NOT TO LEAVE FINGER-PRINTS, DOPE!
EATING TOMATOES 25¢ LB
THROWING TOMATOES 50¢ LB

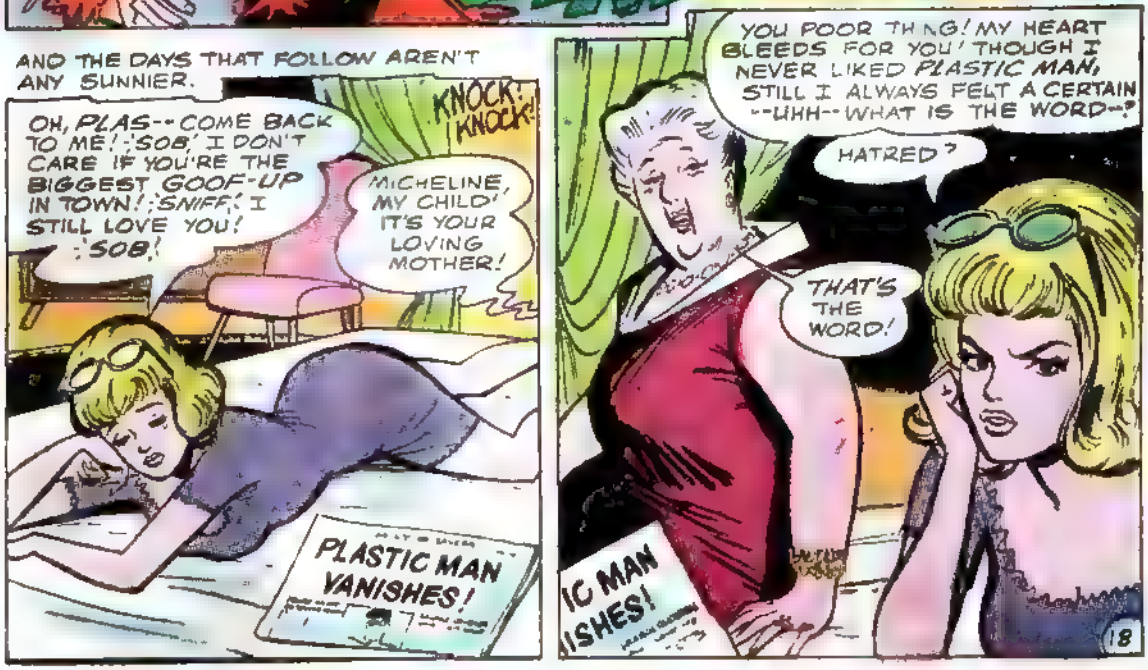

SINCE WE ARE THE ONLY CIVILIANS IN THE CITY WITH WHEELS, OUR TIRE MARKS WOULD GIVE US AWAY!, HOWEVER -- THESE ARE QUITE ANONYMOUS!
HA! HA!


AND INSIDE THE LIMOUSINE, WHO ELSE BUT MOMS AND FAWNISH, THE BUTLER...
OOO, THOSE NASTY PEASANTS! JUST BECAUSE WE'RE RICH ENOUGH TO AFFORD FOUR WHEELS! FAWNISH, TELL THE CHAUFFEUR TO RUN THEM OVER!
THAT WOULD NOT BE TERRIBLY ADVISABLE, MADAM!

RAT-A-TAT-TAT


WATCH THAT STUFF, FAWNISH! THERE'S A $50 FINE FOR LITTERING THE STREETS!
VWIP
PLUNK
VWIP
PLUNK
RAT-TAT-TAT
VWIP
PLUNK
DARN YOU, PLASTIC MAN! YOU'RE ALWAYS SPOILING OTHER PEOPLE'S FUN!


THE SPECTATORS, WHOSE LIVES HE'S JUST SAVED, SHOW PLAS THEIR APPRECIATION.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MADE THE DUKE OF WHEELINGTON ANGRY AT US!
NOW WE HAVEN'T GOT A WHEEL TO ROLL ON!
NOT EVEN A HULA HOOP!
SWOOSH
SPLISH
THANK YOUR FRIENDS FOR THE VEGETABLE DINNER, GORDY! BUT I'D BETTER PULL OUT NOW!
EGAD! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE P.M. RETREAT UNDER FIRE! IT'S A DARK DAY!
SPLAT
SWOOSH
SPLISH


AND THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW AREN'T ANY SUNNIER.
OH, PLAS--COME BACK TO ME! :SOB! I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE THE BIGGEST GOOF-UP IN TOWN! :SNIFF! I STILL LOVE YOU! :SOB!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
MICHELINE, MY CHILD! IT'S YOUR LOVING MOTHER!
PLASTIC MAN VANISHES!
YOU POOR THING! MY HEART BLEEDS FOR YOU! THOUGH I NEVER LIKED PLASTIC MAN, STILL I ALWAYS FELT A CERTAIN --UHH--WHAT IS THE WORD--?
HATRED?
THAT'S THE WORD!
IC MAN ISHES!

BUT YOU MUST B' PRACTICAL, MICHELINE! PLASTIC MAN MAY NEVER RETURN! AND YOU'RE SO YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL!
THAT'S TRUE, MOMS!
AHH! I'M GLAD YOU'RE BEING REASONABLE! JUST A MOMENT--I'VE SOMEONE WAITING TO SEE YOU!
ALL RIGHT, DUKE--SHE'S ALL SET UP FOR YOU! BUT I WANT THE TERMS OF OUR DEAL CLEAR! IF YOU MARRY MY DAUGHTER, I GET ALL MY WHEELS FREE OF CHARGE!
ABSOLUTELY!
INCLUDING THREE LIMOUSINES, FOUR SEDANS, TWO STATION WAGONS AND A LAWN MOWER?
POSITIVELY!
THEN TAKE HER WITH MY BLESSINGS, YOUR HIGHNESS!
LATER...
HOORAY! LONG LIVE THE DUKE!
SEE HOW FICKLE THE PUBLIC IS, MY DEAR? LAST WEEK THEY WERE READY TO STONE ME! TODAY, THEY CHEER!
SURE! IF THEY DON'T, YOU'LL CUT OFF THEIR FIRE ENGINES AND AMBULANCES!
AHH, YOU HAVE A MARVELOUS SENSE OF HUMOR! I CAN'T WAIT TILL WE'RE MARRIED! WE'LL LIVE IN MY DUKEDOM--WHEELINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, OF COURSE!
OH? I FIGURED IT WOULD BE FINKSVILLE, MISSISSIPPI!
CITY HALL! WE MUST STOP HERE FOR A MOMENT! THE MAYOR IS PREPARING A CONTRACT FOR ME TO SIGN FOR $200,000,000!
YES--AND WHILE WE'RE HERE, YOU CAN LOOK OVER THE BUILDING--IN CASE YOU WANT TO MOVE IN NEXT YEAR!

LOOK, MY DEAR, THEY'VE TURNED OUT THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE TO GREET US!
OR TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T STEAL THE MAYOR'S GOLD FILLINGS FROM HIS TEETH!
I STILL SAY WE SHOULD HAVE FOUGHT THIS FOREIGNER, MAYOR!
SHUT UP, YOU FOOL, BEFORE HE RAISES US TO 20¢ PER WHEEL!
ALL RIGHT, MEN-- ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET!
OOOF!
GREETINGS, YOUR LOWNESS!
BALOOM!
WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE FLEXIBLE FLOP! I SEE, SINCE EVERYBODY IN TOWN STARTED WALKING ON YOU, YOU DECIDED TO BECOME A RUG!
OH, PLAS! I HAVEN'T BEEN SO HAPPY TO SEE ANYBODY SINCE I CAME TO IN THE EMERGENCY WARD AT SKI VALLEY!
WHY, YOU RUBBERY ROGUE-- I'LL BET YOU'RE IN THIS DEAL WITH THE DUKE! COME ON, I WANT TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS-- IN A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE SPOT I KNOW!
DELIGHTED CAPTAIN! BUT FIRST THE DUKE MIGHT HAVE SOME SLIGHT INTEREST IN THIS PAPER! SINCE IT'S ABOUT TO PUT HIM OUT OF BUSINESS!
THIS? HA! IT'S NOTHING BUT YOUR FAMILY TREE-- WITH A GOODLY SHARE OF NUTS ON IT, I IMAGINE!
PERHAPS-- BUT AT THE ROOT OF THAT TREE, YOU'LL FIND AN ANCESTOR OF MINE WHO PREDATES URGLLY-THE-UGLY BY 100 YEARS!
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MY GRANDFATHER--88,005 GENERATIONS REMOVED--INVENTED MAN-MADE FIRE! GRIZZLY-THE-SIZZLY, THEY CALLED HIM!
THAT'S NICE! NOW YOU CAN COLLECT A ROYALTY EVERY TIME YOU FIND A BOY SCOUT RUBBING TWO STICKS TOGETHER!
I'M AFRAID YOU DON'T DIG ME, DUKE!
FIRE, DUKEY-WUKEY, IS THE BASIS OF ALL MANUFACTURING! SO ALL OTHER PATENTS WERE DERIVED FROM MINE! THIS MONOCLE, FOR EXAMPLE, IS MADE FROM GLASS THAT HAD TO BE FIRST MELTED BY--FIRE!
FLIP
ULP!
THIS SWORD IS MADE FROM STEEL--TEMPERED IN FIRE!
YOU--YOU--YOU--
ARRGH!
CRACK
THIS CLOAK WAS MADE ON LOOMS PRODUCED BY TOOLS THAT WERE SHAPED BY--FIRE!
YACHHH!
WHACK
THAT GOES FOR YOUR SHIRT--PANTS--SHOES--SOCKS--AND--
S-S-STOP! NOT ANOTHER S-S-STITCH--PLEASE!
WHACK
WHOOSH
THERE'S JUST ONE OTHER THING I HAVE TO SAY--BUT IT'S MEANT FOR YOUR EARS ALONE! SO I'LL HAVE TO WHISPER IT, YOUR FRAUDSHIP!
WHOOSH
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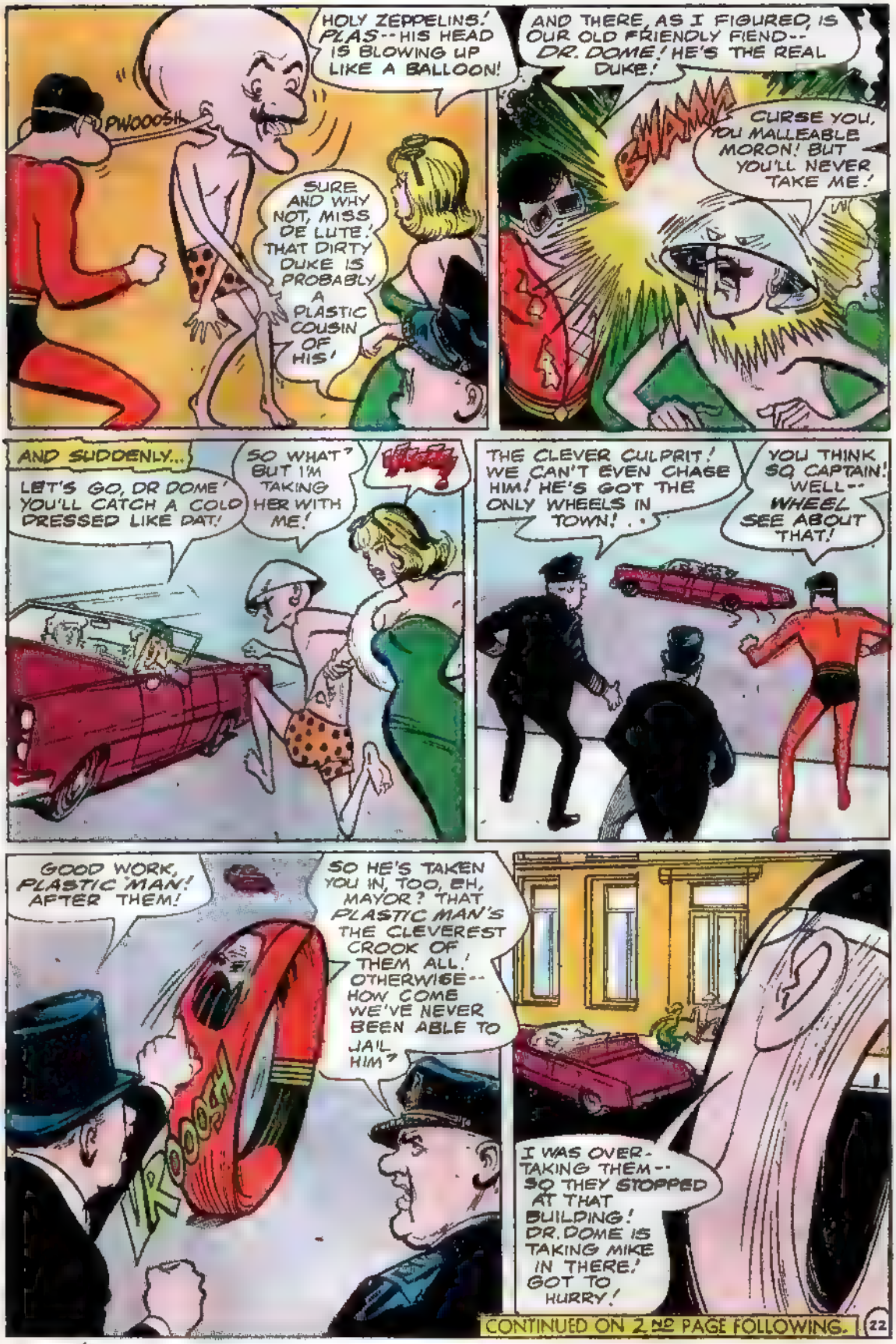
HOLY ZEPPELINS! PLAS--HIS HEAD IS BLOWING UP LIKE A BALLOON!
PWOOOSH
SURE AND WHY NOT, MISS DE LUTE! THAT DIRTY DUKE IS PROBABLY A PLASTIC COUSIN OF HIS!
AND THERE, AS I FIGURED, IS OUR OLD FRIENDLY FIEND-- DR. DOME! HE'S THE REAL DUKE!
SWAMM
CURSE YOU, YOU MALLEABLE MORON! BUT YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME!
AND SUDDENLY..
LET'S GO, DR DOME! YOU'LL CATCH A COLD DRESSED LIKE DAT!
SO WHAT? BUT I'M TAKING HER WITH ME!
THE CLEVER CULPRIT! WE CAN'T EVEN CHASE HIM! HE'S GOT THE ONLY WHEELS IN TOWN! . .
YOU THINK SO, CAPTAIN! WELL-- WHEEL SEE ABOUT THAT!
GOOD WORK, PLASTIC MAN! AFTER THEM!
VROOOM
SO HE'S TAKEN YOU IN, TOO, EH, MAYOR? THAT PLASTIC MAN'S THE CLEVEREST CROOK OF THEM ALL! OTHERWISE-- HOW COME WE'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO JAIL HIM?
I WAS OVER-TAKING THEM-- SO THEY STOPPED AT THAT BUILDING! DR. DOME IS TAKING MIKE IN THERE! GOT TO HURRY!

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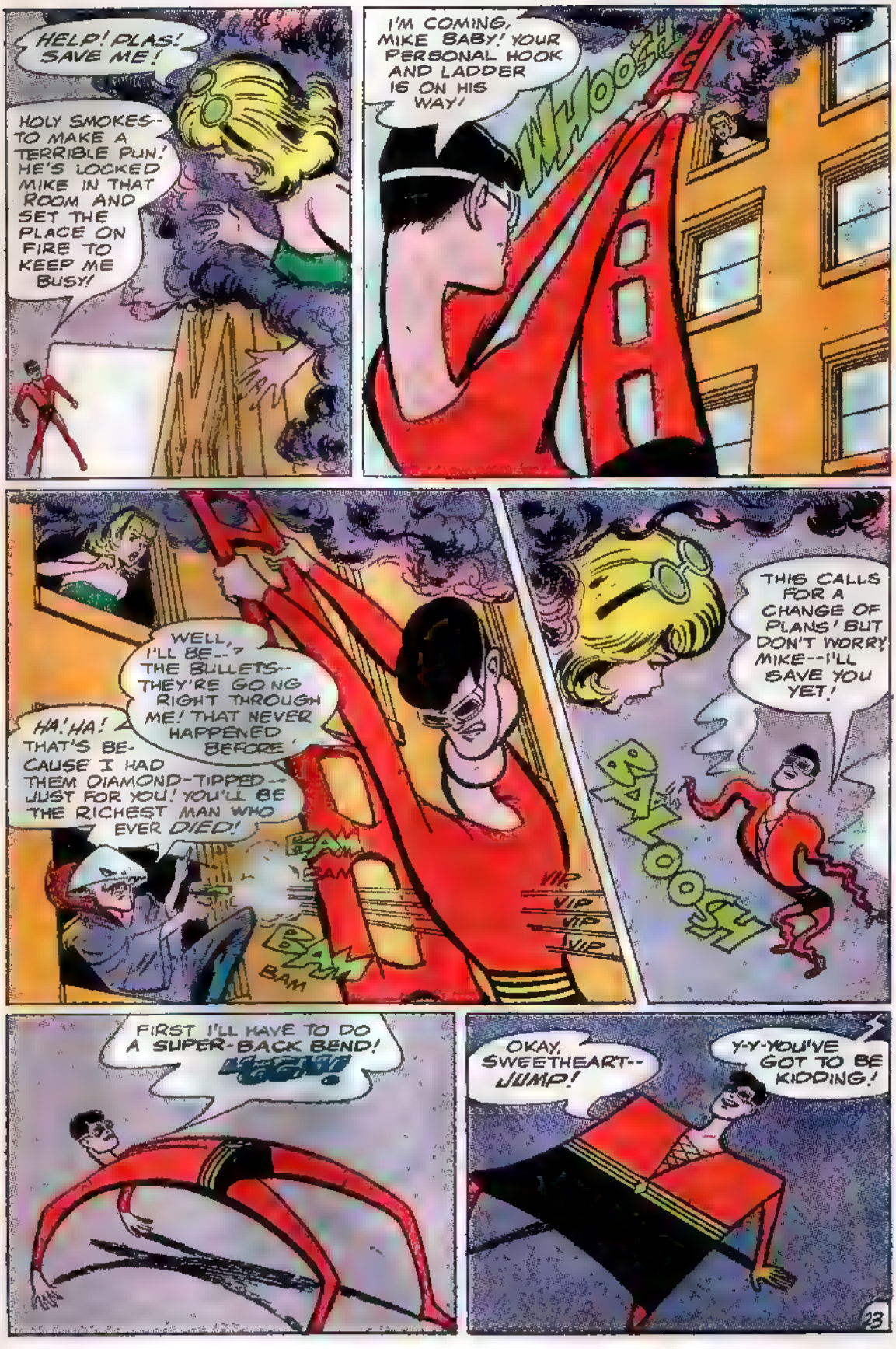
HELP! PLAS! SAVE ME!
HOLY SMOKES--TO MAKE A TERRIBLE PUN! HE'S LOCKED MIKE IN THAT ROOM AND SET THE PLACE ON FIRE TO KEEP ME BUSY!
I'M COMING, MIKE BABY! YOUR PERSONAL HOOK AND LADDER IS ON HIS WAY!
WHOOSH!
WELL, I'LL BE--? THE BULLETS--THEY'RE GOING RIGHT THROUGH ME! THAT NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!
HA! HA! THAT'S BECAUSE I HAD THEM DIAMOND-TIPPED--JUST FOR YOU! YOU'LL BE THE RICHEST MAN WHO EVER DIED!
BAM BAM BAM
VIP VIP VIP VIP
THIS CALLS FOR A CHANGE OF PLANS! BUT DON'T WORRY, MIKE--I'LL SAVE YOU YET!
BALOOSH
FIRST I'LL HAVE TO DO A SUPER-BACK BEND!
OKAY, SWEETHEART--JUMP!
Y-Y-YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!
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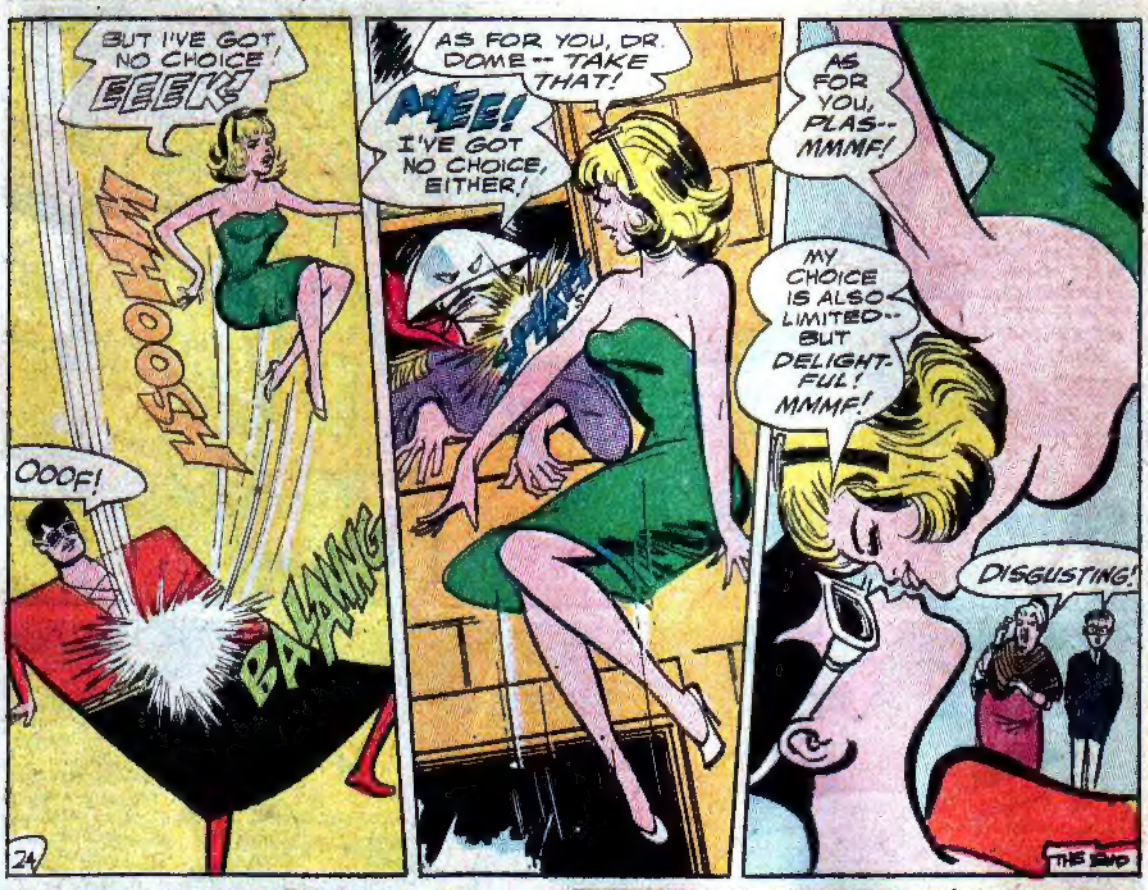

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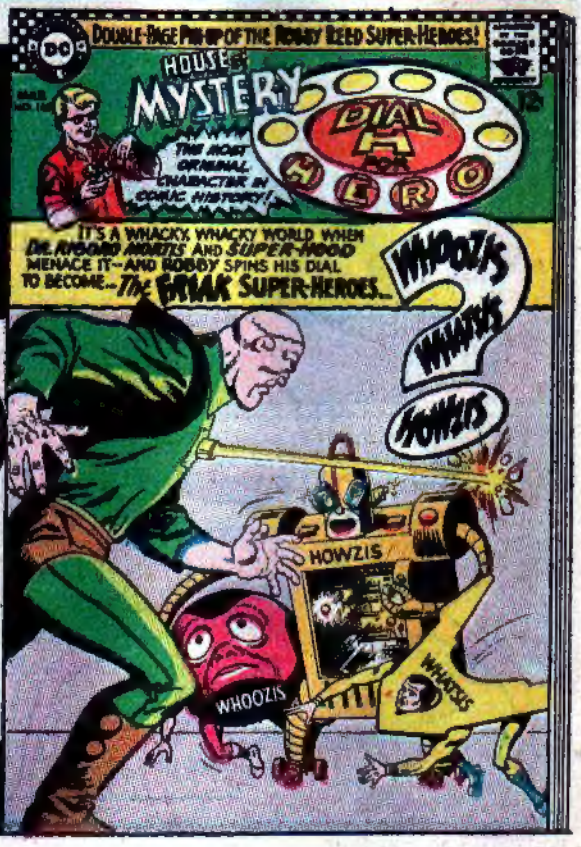
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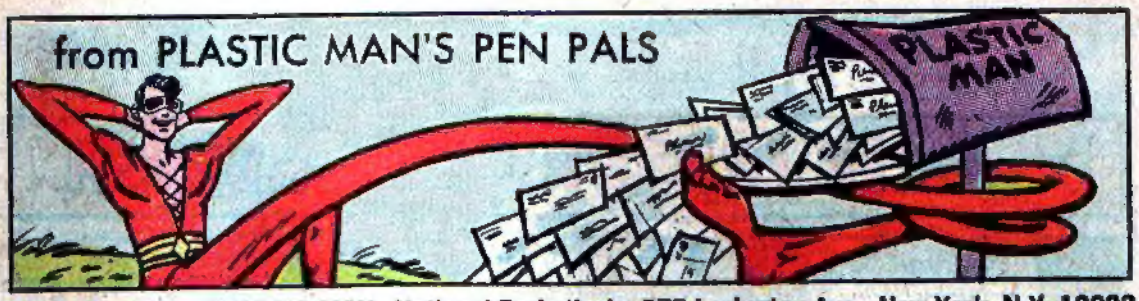

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Dear Editor:

Why such mystery or modesty when it comes to identifying the artist responsible for our unique, king-size kook, our beloved PLAS? Would it be too much for me to ask you to divulge this secret?

Mike Detzer, Minneapolis, Minn.

Not at all, Mike. We apologize for having overlooked it, but maybe we assumed everyone recognized the winning and winsome work of J. (for James) Winslow Mortimer, otherwise known as Winnie to his family, friends, and bill collectors. When Gil Kane, who kicked off the book, became involved in previous commitments, we zeroed in on Winnie because of his comic approach and deft handling of other funnybone features.

To give you a bit of his bio, Winnie capped his education with a degree at Canada's Hamilton Collegiate Central before trekking down to New York where he set up his easel at the famed Art Students' League. Came the war, he served a hitch in the Canadian Army, then, donning civvies again, he concocted a couple of comic dailies which still flourish in scads of Canadian newspapers. Flashing back to the big city, he joined Superman-DC Publications, and two years later became a Yank citizen. In 1955, he originated a strip, "David Crane," which is still widely syndicated here.

Winnie's hobby is antique autos. He completely rebuilt a 1921 Model-T Ford, which he claims runs better than most of today's cars, and proudly proffers his miniatures at antique exhibitions. He's also an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He collects guns, with a special interest in muzzle loaders, and right now he's putting in flying time to qualify for a private pilot's license. A suburban squire of Putnam, N.Y., where he lives with his wife and three youngsters, Winnie also churns out the immensely popular "Stanley and His Monster" for DC's fun-filled mag, FOX AND CROW.—*Ed.*

Dear Editor:

The first issue of PM was a delight. Don't spoil things by giving him an origin story. I got by for years without knowing or caring how he became PLASTIC MAN when he was published by another company in yesteryear. The distrusting Moms and the hilariously narrow-minded Capt. McSniffe make welcome additions to the saga. Love Gordy and Fawnish, too. The one piece of yesteryear gimmickry that is good to see still around is the sudden appearance of PLAS as a cage or sofa. Watch that red-with-black-and-yellow stripes furniture! Don't sit on it! It may be PLAS! I sent in my buck for a 10-issue subscription, but had to buy #1 on the newsstand. I have one copy at home and another at my desk here. Best wishes with feature issues!

J. Randolph Cox, Reference Librarian, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.

Thank you, sir, and if we can get the entire student body to do likewise, we're sure to have a winner on our hands.—Ed.

Dear Editor:

PM's return certainly was triumphant. Art, story and characterization were great. If all future issues are as good, PM will soon be one of DC's most popular characters! In a word, PLAS is a gas! As for Arnold Drake, I've always enjoyed his smasheroo stories in your other comic mag masterpiece, "Doom Patrol," and now it appears he'll set the same high standard for PM. He'll have his hands full, turning out stories of comparable quality issue after issue. All in all, PLASTIC MAN is back in the grandest way!

Wayne DeWald, University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla.

We're grateful for those complimentary comments, and don't you worry for a moment about amiable Arnie's ability to dream up those pulsating plots. He's been doing it with intelligence and ingenuity for years without the slightest hint that his well is running dry. Shucks, we don't know of another scribe whose nimble brain is always brimming with brand-new ideas like his.—*Ed.*

Dear Editor:

PM's a hit with me! Ever since 1956, when the original PLASTIC MAN offered by Quality Publications folded, I've waited patiently for his return. It took 10 years, but the wait was worth it. You did such an excellent job, I subscribed to the magazine. But I do miss Woozy Winks, PM's old partner.

Craig Delich, Kansas City, Kans.

To all those frustrated fans who wrote us about Woozy's fate, it was discussed at long length, and when we completed lining up our new cast of characters, it became apparent that his presence wouldn't enhance our epics. So he was retired to the Old Comics Heroes' Home. After all, Craig ol' crony, times and tastes change in 10 years. You don't necessarily have the same pals today that you did then, do you? If that doesn't grab you, there's always the possibility that whacky Woozy will be briefly restored to his former glory in a guest-shot in a future PLASTIC MAN ish.—*Ed.*

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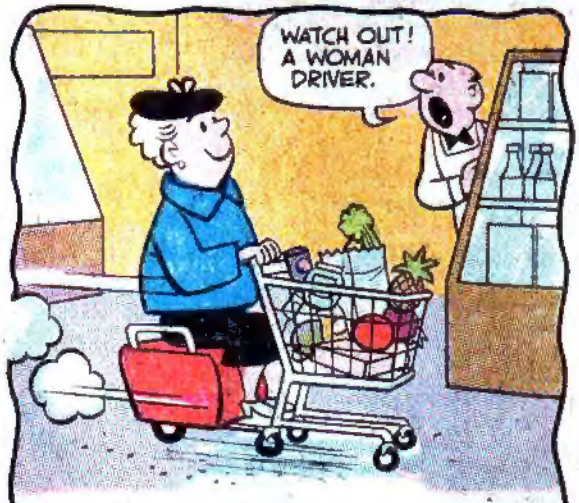
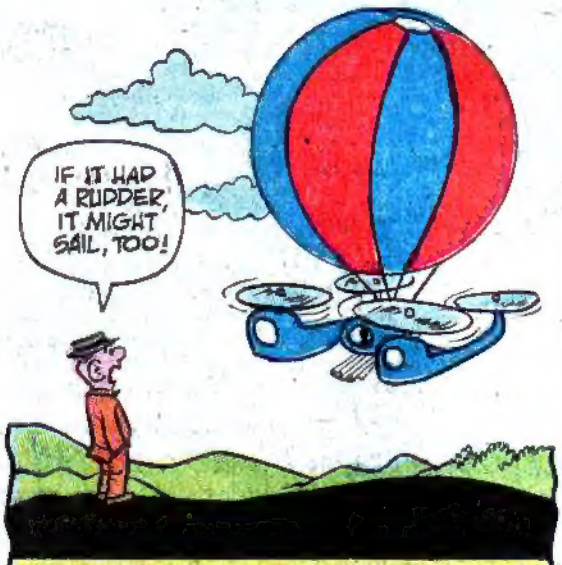
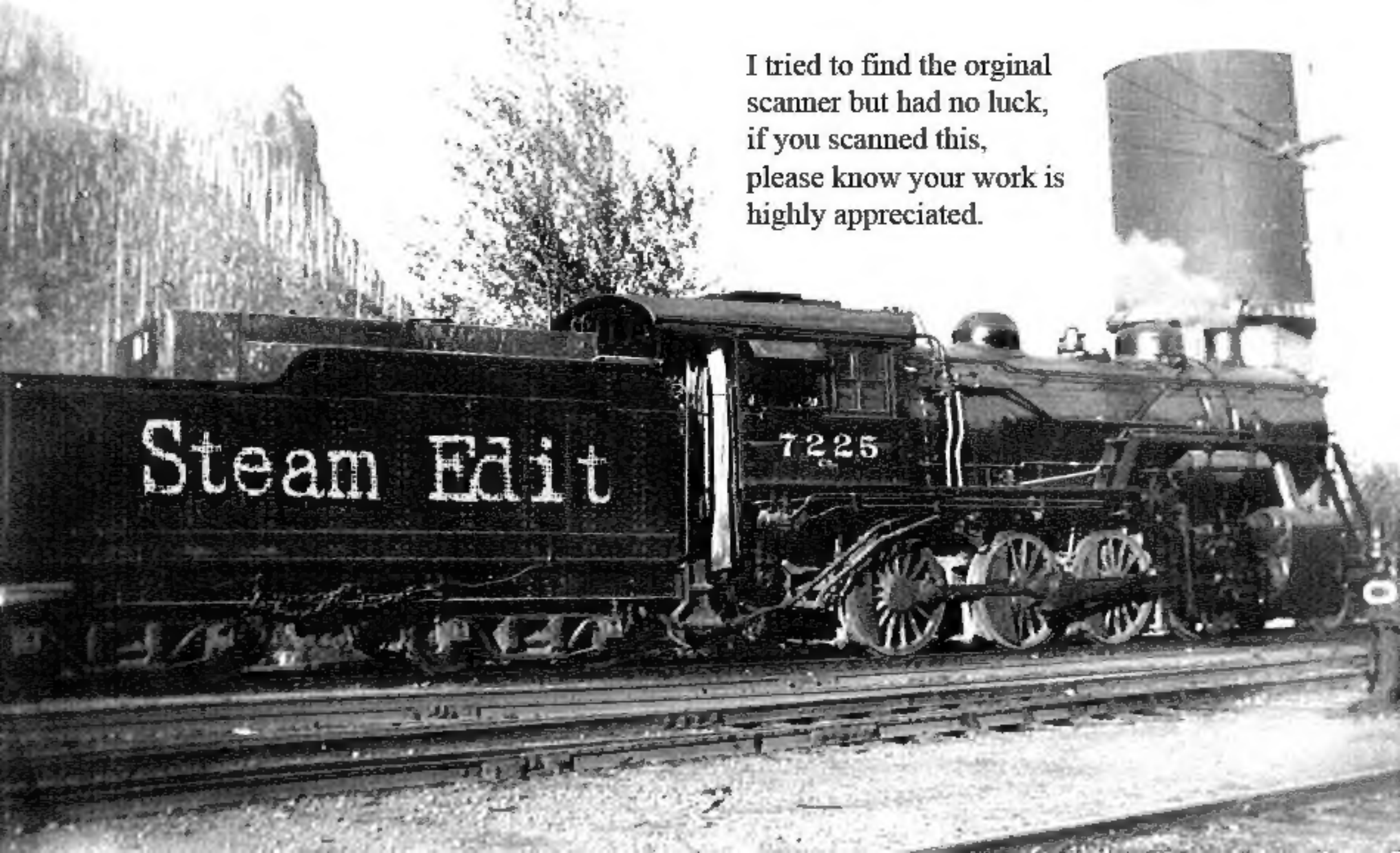


IN COVINA, CALIFORNIA, A MECHANIZED SHOPPING CART IS BEING TRIED OUT. NO, YOU DON'T NEED A DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR IT.



THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW IN AIRCRAFT. THE LATEST COMBINES TWO HELICOPTERS AND A BALLOON TO INCREASE ITS LIFTING POWER. THE HYBRID VEHICLE COULD CARRY HEAVY LOADS OVER JUNGLES AND MOUNTAINS.

A ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN, MANUFACTURER HAS PERFECTED A SYSTEM FOR KITCHEN APPLIANCES THAT MOVE. THROUGH SLOTS IN THE FLOOR, AN AUTOMATIC SWEEPER PASSES OVER PRESCRIBED PATTERNS TO CLEAN THE FLOOR AND A DISHWASHER SLIDES TO THE DINING ROOM TO RECEIVE USED DISHES.



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